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SUBJ: GREEK/TURKISH DISPUTE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. WE HAD 4-POWER MEETING AT BRITISH MISSION THIS MORNING ON LATTER'S INITIATIVE. TEXT QUOTED BELOW EMERGED FROM 1-1/2 HOUR CONSULTATION. FRENCH REP AND I TOOK POSITION WE WOULD HAVE TO REFER TEXT TO CAPITALS BEFORE IT COULD BE SHOWN TO EITHER GREEKS OR TURKS. BRITISH MISSION VOLUNTEERED TO CONVEY TO GREEKS AND TURKS THAT THE FOUR-POWER EFFORT AT PREPARING A DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS MAKING SOME PROGRESS BUT THAT THERE WAS NO TEXT TO PASS TO THEM AS YET.

2. TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION:

QUOTE:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL

TAKING NOTE OF THE LETTER OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE DATED 10 AUGUST,

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY,

EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN OVER THE TENSIONS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY ARISEN BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY IN RELATION TO

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THE AEGEAN SEA,

BEARING IN MIND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CHARTER CONCERNING THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AS
WELL AS THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER VI OF THE CHARTER
CONCERNING PROCEDURES AND METHODS FOR THE PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT OF DISPUTES,

NOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESUMPTION AND CONTINUANCE
OF DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY TO RESOLVE
THEIR DIFFERENCES,

NOTING ALSO THAT GREECE AND TURKEY HAVE DECIDED IN A
JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF 31 MAY 1975 THAT PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE
DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE AEGEAN SEA SHOULD
BE SOLVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE,

CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR PARTIES TO A DISPUTE WHICH
MIGHT ENDANGER INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY TO AVOID ANY
INCIDENT WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO THE AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION,
AND WHICH CONSEQUENTLY MIGHT COMPROMISE THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION,

1. APPEALS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO EXERCISE
THE UTMOST RESTRAINT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION;

2. URGES THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO REFRAIN FROM
ANY ACTION WHICH COULD ONLY INCREASE THE PRESENT TENSION OR
WHICH PREJUDGES OR INFRINGES THE RESPECTIVE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
OF THE PARTIES IN THE AREA;

3. CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO RESUME
DIRECT AND MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS OVER THEIR DIFFERENCES
AND APPEALS TO THEM TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER TO
ENSURE THAT THESE RESULT IN MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS;

4. URGES THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO CONTINUE TO
BEAR IN MIND THE AVAILABILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF
JUSTICE AS THE APPROPRIATE BODY TO WHICH THE PARTIES SHOULD
SUBMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATUTE
OF THE COURT ANY LEGAL ISSUES WHICH REMAIN UNRESOLVED BY
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